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# Application No. **09/752,926**

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# Office Action Summary

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address -Period for Reply A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). Status 1) X Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 11, 2002 2a) X This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final. 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213. Disposition of Claims 4) 🗶 Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed. 6) 💢 Claim(s) <u>1</u> is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claims are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. **Application Papers** 9)  $\square$  The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action. 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 13) X Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a)  $\square$  All b)  $\square$  Some\* c)  $\square$  None of: 1. X Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s).

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6) Other:

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s).

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

# Status of the Claims

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claim 1 is pending. Any objection or rejection not expressly repeated has been withdrawn. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

#### Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), paper no. 7, filed July 30, 2002, contained the following statement:

Copies of the documents indicted [sic] with \*\* in the third column accompanying PTO 1449 have been ordered but have not yet been obtained. Copies of these documents will be supplied with a supplement hereto.

These references have now been submitted with the response to the previous Office action. However, these references have not been submitted as a proper IDS with a form PTO-1449 and the necessary fee. See MPEP 609, 37 CFR 1.97(c). Consequently, the newly submitted references have not been considered or made of record.

### Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by PRATT et al (Haemostasis, 1998), as set forth in the previous Office action.

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Applicant's arguments filed December 11, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that "[t]he reference deals only with the ability of enoxaparin to reduce edema" and is "totally silent about any effect on the size of the lesion (ischemia) itself."

Regardless of the fact that the discussion contained in the reference concentrates on the reduction of edema, PRATT does, in fact, disclose administration of an effective amount of enoxaparin to a subject with cerebral ischemia, thereby accomplishing the method as recited in the claim.

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THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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### Examiner's hours, phone & fax numbers

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leigh Maier whose telephone number is (703) 308-4525. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday 7:00 to 3:30 (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson (703) 308-4624, may be contacted. The fax phone number for Group 1600, Art Unit 1623 is (703) 308-4556 or 305-3592.

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Leigh C. Maier Patent Examiner January 8, 2003